Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ten years ago, on September 11, 2001, terrorists ruthlessly attacked the United States, causing the tragic deaths of thousands of innocent United States citizens and citizens from more than 90 other nations; and,

Whereas, In response to the attacks, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, military personnel, and other first responders immediately and without concern for their own well-being, rose to service in many heroic efforts to protect the lives of those still at risk, consequently saving thousands of men and women; and,

Whereas, Following the attacks, thousands of people in the United States and other nations spontaneously volunteered to help and support the rescue and recovery efforts, braving both physical and emotional hardships; and,

Whereas, Hundreds of thousands of brave men and women continue to serve every day, having answered the call to duty as members of our nation's armed forces with thousands giving their lives or being injured to defend our nation's security and to prevent future terrorist attacks; and,

Whereas, These brave men and women have not only protected our freedoms, but have also given the precious gift of freedom to millions of people and their future generations in foreign lands; and,

Whereas, These first responders, soldiers, and their families are worthy of eternal gratitude we can express through prayer and kind actions for them and voluntary service for others:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2011, as

PATRIOT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State